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SUBJECT: 1974 CANDIDATES FOR SAVINGS & LOAN WORLD TROPHY

1. MODUPE OSHIKOYA OF NIGERIA 20 YRS.

2. JOHN KIPKURGAT OF KENYA 29 YRS.

3. FILBERT BAYI OF TANZANIA, 21 YEARS.

1974 BACKGROUND "PRIORITY POSITIONS"

1. MODUPE OSHIKOYA 1ST AFRICAN WOMAN ATHLETE IN 40 YEARS TO WIN INTERNATIONAL HONORS IN ATHLETICS SPORTS. BORN MAY 2, 1954, LAGOS. SCHOOLS: METHODIST GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL, LAGOS, WEST AFRICAN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.81973; NOW A STUDENT IN AMERICA. 1970 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH GAMES, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, HIGH JUMP, 7TH, 1.62;
1972 OLYMPIC GAMES, MUNICH, PENTATHLON, 14TH, 4279 (QUAL.)
LONG JUMP, 8TH, 6.22;
1973 SECOND ALL AFRICA GAMES, LAGOS, LVFG JUMP - 1ST, 6.15 M.
HIGH JUMP, 1ST, 1.71 M.
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100 M. HURDLES, 1ST 14.23 SEC;
1973 AFRICA VS. USA, DAKAR, SENEGAL, WINNER HIGH AND LONG JUMP.
1974 COMMONWEALTH GAMES, CHRISTCHURCH, NZ. 100 M . HURDLES,
3RD, 13.7.7 (NEW AFRICAN RECORD);
LONG JUMP, 1ST, 6.46 (NEW AFRICAN RECORD);
PENTATHLON, 2ND, 4455 (FIRST FEMALE ATHLETE FROM AFRICA TO
COMPETE IN SUCH AN EVENT);
1974 NIGERIA/GHANA SPORTS FESTIVAL HIGH JUMP, 1ST, 1.76 (NEW ALL
AFRICAN RECORD);
LONG JUMP, 1ST 6.18;
100 M. HURDLES, 1ST, 14.1 SEC. (NEW ALL AFRICAN RECORD)
1974 COMPETARHSPCLRBFK & FIELD MEETS IN USA.

2. JOHN KIPKURGAT, 29 YEARS OF AGE, AN ARMY CORPORAL.
BORN 1956 AT KAPTALAM IN RIFT VALLEY'S NANDI DISTRICT, AN
AREA OF MANY OF KENYA'S GREAT TRACKMAN: HOLDER OF
COMMONWEALTH 800 METERS RECORD WITH A TIME ONLY ONE-FIFTH
OF A SECOND OUTSIDE THE WORLD RECORD RECORD HELD BY SOUTH AFRICA'S
MARCELLO FIASCONARO. JOHN CLOCKED 1 MIN. 43.9 SEC. THE FOURTH
FASTEST TIME IN HISTORY. KIPKURGAT FIRST REPRESENTED KENYA
LAST YEAR DURING THE 1973 ALL-AFRICA GAMES, LAGOS, WHERE HE WON
A SILVER MEDAL IN THE 800 METERS FINISHED SECOND TO ANOTHER
KENYAN, COMMOS SIELEI. THIS PERFORMANCE GAINED HIM SELECTION
FOR THE PAN-AFRICAN TEAM THAT WAS CHOSEN FOR SCSA TO
COMPETE AGAINST THE USA ATHLETES IN SENEGAL, AND AGAINST LATIN
AMERICA IN MEXICO LAST AUGUST. FINISHING SECOND IN SENEGAL,
BUT IN MEXICO HE WON THE 800 METERS AND HAS NEVER LOST A RACE
SINCE.

AT AN ARMED
FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP IN NAIROBI LAST SEPT. KIPKURGAT
REGISTERED THE FASTEST 800 METERS TIME EVER IN AFRICA, 1. MIN.
45.2. SEC. ALSO, SOME WEEKS LATER IN A KENYA-UGANDA-TANZANIA
TRIANGULAR MEET IN NAIROBI HE BEAT FILBERT BAYI THE PRESENT
WORLD RECORD HOLDER IN THE 1,500 METERS.

SURPRISINGLY, KIPKURGAT STARTED HIS CAREER AS A SECONDARY SCHOOL
BOY HIGH JUMPER BUT IS NOW ONE OF THE TOP MIDDLE DISTANCE
RUNNERS IN THE WORLD. HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPETED IN ALL
MAJOR INTERNATIONAL RACES THIS YEAR, NEW ZEALAND,
AUSTRALIA, EUROPE AND AFRICA.
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3. FILBERT BAYI, 21 YEARS OLD, BORN IN KARATU, IN THE ARUSHA
REGIONAL HIGHLANDS OF KENYA ON JUNE 23, 1953. DID NOT BEGIN
RUNNING UNTIL HE JOINED THE TANZANIAN PEOPLES DEFENSE FORCES
IN 1970 WHERE HE ATTAINED THE RANK OF SERGEANT.
1972, HE BECAME A NOTICED SPORTSMAN WHEN HE BROKE THE TANZANIA
1,500 METERS RECORD. 1973 HE WON THE ALL-AFRICA GAMES

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CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1,500 METERS AND IN DAKAR, SENEGAL, HE WON
THE 1,500 METERS IN THE AAU VS. AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL TRACK
AND FIELD MEET. 1974, AT 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL AND 135
POUNDS HE IS PRESENT HOLDER OF THE 1,500 METERS WORLD RECORD
OF 3.32.2 SEC. A NATIONAL HERO, BAYI WAS PROMOTED TO A
LIEUTENANT AND NAMED TANZANIA'S SPORTSMAN OF 1974.
BAYI HAS NOT RUN COMPETITIVELY SINCE JAN. 1974'S RECORD
PERFORMANCE IN CHRISTCHURCH AND IS CURRENTLY TAKING OFFICER
TRAINING.
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